



# TOWN OF MANSFIELD

## OFFICE OF THE YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU

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Patricia Michalak, MA  
Youth Service Bureau Coordinator

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
12:00 noon @ Mansfield Town Hall  
Conf. Rm. B

### Board Members

#### *Present:*

Ethel Mantzaris, Chair  
Pat Schneider, Director of Human Services  
Patricia Michalak, YSB Coordinator  
Makayla Lamson, E.O Smith Student Representative  
Eileen Griffin, LCSW  
Curt Vincente, Parks and Rec Director  
Kate Bohannon, YSB Social Worker

### I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 12:05 PM by Ethel Mantzaris.
- No votes were taken since there were not enough voting members. No decisions were made.

### II. Approval of minutes

- No approval of minutes 3/10/15 due to there not being enough voting members.

### III. Reports

- Director's Report – Patricia Schneider
- Coordinator's Report – Patricia Michalak
  - **Playground Volunteer Recognition:** Mayor Patterson joined YSB in recognizing the good work, persistence and dedication to the project.
  - **Grief Group:** This group has been meeting regularly now for almost two years. We are working with newly grieving families to provide initial support and will be encouraging them to join this group when they feel ready.
  - **Mommy & Me:** Group continues to be offered weekly at the community center. This is a new initiative and we understand that it will take time to establish a core group. We are optimistic this will be a group to help us identify and support parents with very young children.

- **PAWS Conference:** Middle school students who attended the conference participated in workshops which included internet safety, suicide prevention, healthy choices and living an active and healthy lifestyle. Our transportation collaboration with the senior center was seamless thanks to Giana Stebbins and our driver Tony....
- **Joy:** We collaborated with the Jorgenson Outreach for Youth to give our families an opportunity to attend three shows this month. Dover String Quartet, BodyTraffic and Cinderella
- **Fourth to fifth grade transition program (LEAP):** We met with Dr. Kisiel, interim superintendent. He gave us his support to expand our program to include work with the PE teachers and other support staff in the school. This year we have 26 fourth graders in our COPE program that will be transitioning to the middle school.
- **Afterschool and in school activities:** With the help of our intern we have been providing social and emotional support for middle school student and elementary school students.
- **The Town Council:** committed \$132,070 of unappropriated FY15 funds for the completion of the playground. Total committed funds total \$520,857.
- **School Readiness:** Two new School Readiness slots were acquired from the State. 18 School Readiness slots were occupied at capacity during the quarter.
- **Signature Brand Factory:** has contracted with the Town to develop a website and comprehensive communications plan for MAC.

#### **IV. Old Business:**

- **Play Ground Update**
- **Challenge Program:**
- **Volunteer Recognition- April 28<sup>th</sup>**

#### **V. New Business:**

- **Campership**

#### **VI. Other:**

**VII. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 12:45 May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 is the next meeting.